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The USA and Israel quit UNESCO

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THE ARTICLE

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The United States and Israel have officially quit UNESCO. This is the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. The two countries pulled out of UNESCO at the stroke of midnight as the New Year came in. It is the second time for the U.S. to pull out of UNESCO. The first time was in 1984, when it thought the agency was favoring the old Soviet Union too much. The U.S. then rejoined in 2003. The current withdrawal started because both nations were worried that UNESCO was biased against Israel. Nikki Haley, the current U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said: "UNESCO is among the most corrupt and politically biased UN agencies. Today, the U.S. withdrawal from this cesspool became official."

UNESCO was co-founded by the U.S. after World War II. It seeks to build peace through international cooperation in education, the sciences and culture. The agency is best known for its World Heritage program, which protects cultural sites and traditions around the world. UNESCO also works to improve education for girls, promote understanding of the horrors of the Holocaust, and defend freedom of the press. The U.S. said it intends to follow UNESCO as a non-member "observer state". The Israeli envoy to the United Nations Danny Danon said his country, "will not be a member of an organization whose goal is to deliberately act against us".

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<https://nypost.com/2019/01/01/us-and-israel-officially-leave-un-cultural-agency-claiming-bias/>
<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/us-israel-official-quit-un-agency-unesco-claiming-anti-israeli-bias>

WARM-UPS

1. UNESCO: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about UNESCO. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

quit / United Nations / countries / midnight / first time / agency / withdrawal / corrupt
peace / cooperation / education / sciences / culture / traditions / horrors / goal / act

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. UNITED NATIONS: Students A **strongly** believe the United Nations is essential; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. COOPERATION: How can countries cooperate better via these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What countries can do	How it can help
Education		
Sciences		
Culture		
Trade		
Sport		
Internet		

5. PEACE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "peace". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. WORLD HERITAGE SITES: Rank these with your partner. Put the sites you most want to visit at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Great Barrier Reef
- Venice
- Machu Picchu
- Serengeti
- the Pyramids
- Acropolis
- Persepolis
- Mount Fuji

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. officially | a. End one's link to an organization or group. |
| 2. pull out | b. Belonging to the present time; happening or being used or done now. |
| 3. agency | c. Showing support of something. |
| 4. favoring | d. A department or group that provides a specific service for a government or similar organization. |
| 5. current | e. In a formal and public way. |
| 6. biased | f. Doing bad or illegal things for money. |
| 7. corrupt | g. Very unfair against someone or something. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 8. co-founded | h. Plan or aim to do something. |
| 9. seek | i. Started a business, organization or project with another person. |
| 10. cooperation | j. A strong feeling of fear, shock, or disgust. |
| 11. tradition | k. Consciously and intentionally; on purpose. |
| 12. horror | l. The process of working together for the same goal. |
| 13. intend | m. A long custom or belief that has been passed on from parents to children for decades or centuries. |
| 14. deliberately | n. Look for. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190104-unesco.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The USA and Israel will pull out of UNESCO at the end of January. **T / F**
- b. This is the second time that the USA has pulled out of UNESCO. **T / F**
- c. The USA pulled out because it said UNESCO was biased against Israel. **T / F**
- d. The U.S. ambassador to the U.N. called UNESCO a "cesspool". **T / F**
- e. The USA founded UNESCO after World War I. **T / F**
- f. UNESCO looks after the World Heritage program. **T / F**
- g. The article says UNESCO works to improve education for boys. **T / F**
- h. Israel's envoy to the U.N. said UNESCO works in favor of Israel. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1. quit | a. prejudiced |
| 2. pulled out | b. concerned |
| 3. favoring | c. on purpose |
| 4. worried | d. preferring |
| 5. biased | e. help |
| 6. cooperation | f. leave |
| 7. protects | g. country |
| 8. promote | h. safeguards |
| 9. state | i. withdrew |
| 10. deliberately | j. collaboration |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. The United States and Israel have | a. biased UN agencies |
| 2. The two countries pulled | b. against Israel |
| 3. at the stroke | c. of the Holocaust |
| 4. worried that UNESCO was biased | d. out of UNESCO |
| 5. among the most corrupt and politically | e. the world |
| 6. UNESCO was co- | f. against us |
| 7. cultural sites and traditions around | g. officially quit UNESCO |
| 8. UNESCO also works to improve | h. founded by the U.S. |
| 9. promote understanding of the horrors | i. education for girls |
| 10. deliberately act | j. of midnight |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190104-unesco.html>

The United States and Israel have (1) _____ quit UNESCO. This is the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. The two countries pulled out of UNESCO at the (2) _____ of midnight as the New Year came in. It is the second time for the U.S. to pull out of UNESCO. The first time was in 1984, when it thought the agency was (3) _____ the old Soviet Union too much. The U.S. then (4) _____ in 2003. The current withdrawal started because (5) _____ nations were worried that UNESCO was biased against Israel. Nikki Haley, the current U.S. (6) _____ to the United Nations, said: "UNESCO is among the most corrupt and politically (7) _____ UN agencies. Today, the U.S. withdrawal from this (8) _____ became official."

stroke
ambassador
rejoined
cesspool
favoring
biased
officially
both

UNESCO was co-(9) _____ by the U.S. after World War II. It seeks to build (10) _____ through international cooperation in education, the sciences and culture. The agency is best known for its World Heritage (11) _____, which protects cultural sites and (12) _____ around the world. UNESCO also works to improve education for girls, promote (13) _____ of the horrors of the Holocaust, and defend freedom of the (14) _____. The U.S. said it intends to follow UNESCO as a non-member "observer state". The Israeli (15) _____ to the United Nations Danny Danon said his country, "will not be a member of an organization whose (16) _____ is to deliberately act against us".

understanding
peace
goal
program
traditions
envoy
founded
press

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190104-unesco.html>

- 1) two countries pulled out of UNESCO at the stroke of midnight as the New _____
 - a. Year came in
 - b. Year came on
 - c. Year coming
 - d. Year cumin
- 2) the agency was favoring the old Soviet Union too much. The U.S. _____ 2003
 - a. them rejoined in
 - b. then rejoin din
 - c. them rejoin din
 - d. then rejoined in
- 3) The current withdrawal started because both nations _____
 - a. were warred
 - b. were worried
 - c. were flurry
 - d. were flurried
- 4) UNESCO is among the most corrupt and politically _____
 - a. biased UN age ants is
 - b. biased UN agency is
 - c. biased UN agencies
 - d. biased UN agents is
- 5) Today, the U.S. withdrawal from this cesspool _____
 - a. became official
 - b. became officially
 - c. became officials
 - d. became officialdom
- 6) build peace through international cooperation in education, the _____
 - a. sciences end culture
 - b. science sand culture
 - c. science is and culture
 - d. sciences and culture
- 7) best known for its World Heritage program, which protects cultural _____
 - a. sites and traditions
 - b. site sand traditional
 - c. site sand traditions
 - d. sites and tradition
- 8) UNESCO also works to improve education for girls, promote understanding _____
 - a. of the horrors
 - b. off the horrors
 - c. of the honor
 - d. of the honors
- 9) The U.S. said it intends to follow UNESCO as a non-member _____
 - a. observer slates
 - b. observer state
 - c. observer stated
 - d. observer slate
- 10) will not be a member of an organization whose goal is to deliberately _____
 - a. acts again staff
 - b. act again stubs
 - c. acts against us
 - d. act against us

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190104-unesco.html>

1. At what time did the USA and Israel pull out of UNESCO?
2. How many times has the USA now pulled out of UNESCO?
3. Which country did the USA say UNESCO favored in 1984?
4. What is Nikki Haley's job?
5. What did Nikki Haley call UNESCO?
6. When was UNESCO founded?
7. What program is UNESCO best known for?
8. Who does UNESCO work to improve the education for?
9. What does UNESCO work to defend?
10. What is the job of Danny Danon?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190104-unesco.html>

- 1) At what time did the USA and Israel pull out of UNESCO?
 - a) 6pm
 - b) midnight
 - c) 6am
 - d) noon
- 2) How many times has the USA now pulled out of UNESCO?
 - a) 5
 - b) 4
 - c) 3
 - d) 2
- 3) Which country did the USA say UNESCO favored in 1984?
 - a) China
 - b) the U.K.
 - c) the Soviet Union
 - d) Lesotho
- 4) What is Nikki Haley's job?
 - a) U.S. ambassador to the U.N.
 - b) head of UNESCO
 - c) head of the U.N.
 - d) cultural envoy to UNESCO
- 5) What did Nikki Haley call UNESCO?
 - a) great
 - b) a cesspool
 - c) outdated
 - d) a force for good
- 6) When was UNESCO founded?
 - a) after WWII
 - b) after WWI
 - c) before WWI
 - d) 1900
- 7) What program is UNESCO best known for?
 - a) the World Bank
 - b) IMF
 - c) World Heritage
 - d) WHO
- 8) Who does UNESCO work to improve the education for?
 - a) girls
 - b) the poor
 - c) university students
 - d) kindergarteners
- 9) What does UNESCO work to defend?
 - a) borders
 - b) human rights
 - c) global peace
 - d) freedom of the press
- 10) What is the job of Danny Danon?
 - a) culture secretary
 - b) the head of the U.N.
 - c) the Israeli envoy to the U.N.
 - d) the boss of UNESCO

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190104-unesco.html>

Role A – The Great Barrier Reef

You think the Great Barrier Reef is the best World Heritage site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sites aren't as great. Also, tell the others which is the least impressive of these (and why): the Serengeti, Machu Picchu or Mount Fuji.

Role B – Machu Picchu

You think Machu Picchu is the best World Heritage site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sites aren't as great. Also, tell the others which is the least impressive of these (and why): Great Barrier Reef, the Serengeti or Mount Fuji.

Role C – The Serengeti

You think the Serengeti is the best World Heritage site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sites aren't as great. Also, tell the others which is the least impressive of these (and why): Machu Picchu, Great Barrier Reef or Mount Fuji.

Role D – Mount Fuji

You think Mount Fuji is the best World Heritage site. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sites aren't as great. Also, tell the others which is the least impressive of these (and why): Machu Picchu, the Serengeti or Great Barrier Reef.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190104-unesco.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'united' and 'nation'.

united	nation
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• officially• midnight• old• against• among• cesspool	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• build• best• girls• press• follow• us
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UNESCO SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about UNESCO in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

UNESCO DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'united'?
3. What do you know about UNESCO?
4. What do you think of the USA and Israel quitting UNESCO?
5. What did you do at the stroke of midnight as the New Year came in?
6. What do you know about the former Soviet Union?
7. Why might UNESCO be biased against Israel?
8. Why did Nikki Haley describe UNESCO as a "cesspool"?
9. Would you like to work for UNESCO?
10. What is the most important U.N. agency?

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UNESCO DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'nations'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Are organizations like UNESCO important?
15. How can we achieve peace through education?
16. How can we achieve peace through the sciences?
17. How important is it to protect World Heritage sites?
18. What do you know about the Holocaust?
19. What is the most important thing UNESCO should do?
20. What questions would you like to ask Nikki Haley?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) official | (b) officially | (c) officials | (d) officialdom |
| 2. | (a) strike | (b) stroke | (c) struck | (d) stricken |
| 3. | (a) favor | (b) favored | (c) favors | (d) favoring |
| 4. | (a) all | (b) both | (c) many | (d) most |
| 5. | (a) through | (b) as | (c) by | (d) to |
| 6. | (a) pool | (b) carpool | (c) cesspool | (d) pools |
| 7. | (a) weeks | (b) leaks | (c) seeks | (d) peeks |
| 8. | (a) knows | (b) knowing | (c) known | (d) knowledge |
| 9. | (a) reprove | (b) proof | (c) prove | (d) improve |
| 10. | (a) horrors | (b) horrible | (c) horrify | (d) horrific |
| 11. | (a) follow | (b) chase | (c) stalk | (d) go after |
| 12. | (a) act | (b) play | (c) do | (d) have |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. alcyfifoi quit UNESCO
2. at the serkot of midnight
3. worried that UNESCO was deaibs against Israel
4. the tcrneru U.S. ambassador to the United Nations
5. UNESCO is among the most curropt
6. the U.S. withdrawal from this posocesl

Paragraph 2

7. build peace through international aoencotropi
8. protects tucalurl sites
9. diitnrtsao around the world
10. understanding of the horosrr of the Holocaust
11. defend doeefmr of the press
12. teelebldyiar act against us

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190104-unesco.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- (**1**) The United States and Israel have officially quit UNESCO. This is the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural
- () state". The Israeli envoy to the United Nations Danny Danon said his country, "will not
- () be a member of an organization whose goal is to deliberately act against us".
- () nations were worried that UNESCO was biased against Israel. Nikki Haley, the current U.S.
- () Organization. The two countries pulled out of UNESCO at the stroke of midnight as the New Year came
- () UNESCO was co-founded by the U.S. after World War II. It seeks to build peace through international cooperation in
- () sites and traditions around the world. UNESCO also works to improve education for
- () education, the sciences and culture. The agency is best known for its World Heritage program, which protects cultural
- () politically biased UN agencies. Today, the U.S. withdrawal from this cesspool became official."
- () in. It is the second time for the U.S. to pull out of UNESCO. The first time was in 1984, when it thought the agency was
- () ambassador to the United Nations, said: "UNESCO is among the most corrupt and
- () of the press. The U.S. said it intends to follow UNESCO as a non-member "observer
- () girls, promote understanding of the horrors of the Holocaust, and defend freedom
- () favoring the old Soviet Union too much. The U.S. then rejoined in 2003. The current withdrawal started because both

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190104-unesco.html>

1. out midnight . of stroke at Pulled the
2. for U.S. to time the the It is pull out second
3. withdrawal worried . because were nations current The started
4. United to U.S. current The Nations . the ambassador
5. withdrawal from cesspool this U.S. official . became The
6. cooperation . peace It build seeks through international to
7. agency best World is known for The Heritage .
8. also education works improve to girls . UNESCO for
9. said UNESCO . The U.S. to intends it follow
10. said member . country not his be Danon will a

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190104-unesco.html>

The United States and Israel have *official / officially* quit UNESCO. This is the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. The two countries pulled out of UNESCO at the *struck / stroke* of midnight as the New Year came in. It is the second *time / timing* for the U.S. to pull out of UNESCO. The first time was in 1984, when it thought *an / the* agency was favoring the old Soviet Union too *much / many*. The U.S. then rejoined in 2003. The current withdrawal started because both *nations / nationals* were worried that UNESCO was *based / biased* against Israel. Nikki Haley, the current U.S. *ambassador / embassy* to the United Nations, said: "UNESCO is among the most *corrupt / corruption* and politically biased UN agencies. Today, the U.S. *withdrawal / withdraw* from this cesspool became official."

UNESCO was co-founded *by / at* the U.S. after World War II. It seeks to build *piece / peace* through international cooperation in education, the *sciences / scientific* and culture. The agency is best *known / knowing* for its World Heritage program, which *protracts / protects* cultural sites and traditions around the world. UNESCO also works to *reprove / improve* education for girls, promote understanding of the *horrific / horrors* of the Holocaust, and defend freedom of the *press / push*. The U.S. said it intends to follow UNESCO as a non-member "observer state". The Israeli *convoy / envoy* to the United Nations Danny Danon said his country, "will not be a member of an organization whose goal is to deliberately act *for / against us*".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ Un_t_d St_t_s _nd Isr__l h_v_ _ff_c__lly
q__t UNESCO. Th_s _s th_ Un_t_d N_t__ns
E_d_c_t__n_l, S_c__n_t_f_c _nd C_l_t_r_l Or
g_n_z_t__n. Th_ tw_ c__ntr__s p_ll_d __t _f
UNESCO _t th_ str_k_ _f m_d_n_g_h_t _s th_
N_w Y__r c_m__n. It _s th_ s_c_n_d t_m_ f_r
th_ U.S. t_ p_ll __t _f UNESCO. Th_ f_rst
t_m_ w_s _n 1984, wh_n _t th__ght th_ _gn
c_y w_s f_v_r_n_g th_ _ld S_v__t Un__n t__
m_ch. Th_ U.S. th_n r_j__n_d _n 2003. T
h_ c_rr_n_t w_t_h_d_r_w_l s_t_r_t_d b_c__s b_th
n_t__ns w_r_ w_r_r__d th_t UNESCO w_s b__
s_d _g__n_s_t Isr__l. N_k_k_ H_l_y, th_ c_rr_n_t
U.S. _m_b_s_s_d_r_t_ th_ Un_t_d N_t__ns, s__d
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190104-unesco.html>

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. UNESCO: Make a poster about UNESCO. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. THE U.N.: Write a magazine article about the United Nations having powers to control governments. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on UNESCO. Ask him/her three questions about UNESCO. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e 2. a 3. d 4. c 5. b 6. g 7. f
8. i 9. n 10. l 11. m 12. j 13. h 14. k

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b T c T d T e F f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. quit | a. leave |
| 2. pulled out | b. withdrew |
| 3. favoring | c. preferring |
| 4. worried | d. concerned |
| 5. biased | e. prejudiced |
| 6. cooperation | f. collaboration |
| 7. protects | g. safeguards |
| 8. promote | h. help |
| 9. state | i. country |
| 10. deliberately | j. on purpose |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Midnight
2. Two
3. The Soviet Union
4. The U.S. ambassador to the U.N.
5. A cesspool
6. After World War II
7. World Heritage
8. Girls
9. Freedom of the press
10. The Israeli envoy to the UN

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Pulled out at the stroke of midnight.
2. It is the second time for the U.S. to pull out
3. The current withdrawal started because nations were worried.
4. The current U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.
5. The U.S. withdrawal from this cesspool became official.
6. It seeks to build peace through international cooperation.
7. The agency is best known for World Heritage.
8. UNESCO also works to improve education for girls.
9. The U.S. said it intends to follow UNESCO.
10. Danon said his country will not be a member.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. c 4. a 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. d 10. c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)